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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy quickly move forward and recommend to President George W. Bush to resolve the very important issue of nuclear waste storage. The site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada should be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

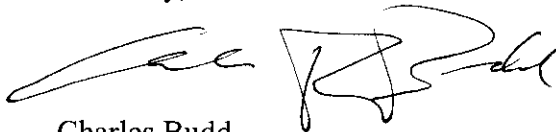
Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation. Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. I have been disappointed in our federal government taking so much time acting on this issue while the waste continues to build up.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President. The time is now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Budd', is written over a horizontal line.

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